# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE EXCHANGE
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether some telephone exchanges at small place like Khekr in U.P., Fazilka, Malout and Kotkapra in Punjab have been clubbed with Meerut, Jalalabad, Giddabaou and Jaitu respectively;

(b) whether telephone exchange at Fazilka has been clubbed with Jalalabad despite latter town having been allotted separate Code No. 0168611;

(c) whether the subscribers of towns are being charged higher rental than that in adjoining bigger town, if so, the reasons for charging higher rental from subscribers in smaller town;

(d) the details of pending complaints received in this regard; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to remove the anomaly?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Sir, Khekra, Jalalabad, Giddarbaha, and Jaitu Telephone Exchanges form part of Meerut, Fazilka, Malout and Kotkapura Short Distance Charging Areas (SDCA) respectively.

(b) Sir, Jalalabad is a part of Fazilka SDCA.The SDCA code allotted to Fazilka is 01638 which is also used by Jalalabad exchange subscribers as per DoT policy.

(c) No, Sir. Rentals are being charged as per the prevailing tariff applicable to SDCA`s total exchange capacity.

(d) No such complaint is pending.

(e) Does not arise.